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I own no Microsoft stock. I get upset with Microsoft at times just as many others do, but this settlement should not be overturned.

First, I believe the intrusions of politically driven solutions into settlements other than those of typical "case law" suits, ie. land problems, immigration, the right of political entities the right to and necessity of taxation as examples will diminish clarity within the courts. Second, I feel an overturn will continue to punish the concept of commercial knowledge ownership and that has great peril for innovation and advancement into the technical future of our nation.

Thank you

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